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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael N. Opsasnick

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) 5-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claim 7 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 5,6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Shlomot et al (5699481).

As per claim 5, Shlomot et al (5699481) teaches:

“a voice transceiver....compressed voice codes” as speech network  
transmitting/receiving compressed voice codes (Fig. 1a, col. 3 lines 45-50)

“voice decoder.....means for expanding....digital voice data” as expanding compressed data (Fig. 1a, speech codec 80, with speaker output)

“selective disposal means.....responsive to a discard request.....is present” discarding samples at the local decoder (col. 6 lines 37-40).

“speaker output buffer means.....selective disposal means” as buffer receiving the speech packets (3a,3b) to the D/A converter (Fig. 1b) in response to a fast or slow event (col. 6 lines 20-26)

“insertion/disposal control.....selective disposal means” as when there is no clock skew or overflow/underflow condition, the decoder will trigger or an N (or normal event), if there is an overflow condition, the decoder will trigger a S (or slow event), and data will be deleted; if there is an underflow condition, the decoder will trigger a F (or fast event), and the decoder will generate new data and insert the samples into the buffer (col. 6 lines 27-42; col. 3 lines 60-65).

“digital to analog converter.....acoustical output” as D/A converter to output analog speech/audio (Fig. 1b), to a speaker (fig. 1a, subblock 80).

As per claim 6, Shlomot et al (5699481) teaches the inserted data to be of lower strength by inserting data types mimicking silent periods, which improves the perception quality (col. 6 lines 50-61).

*Response to Arguments*

4. Applicant's arguments filed 3/2/2004 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

*Conclusion*

5. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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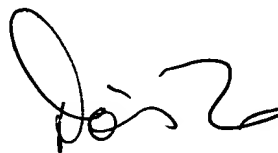
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Doris To, can be reached at (703)305-4827. The facsimile phone number for this group is (703)872-9314.

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